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 COUPLER FOR MODEL RAILROAD : No. 7311-24 RE
 CARS (207311.0060)

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

The following amendment and remarks are submitted in response to the Examiner's Office Action mailed July 24, 2001 (Paper No. 25). A Notice of Appeal was filed on October 24, 2001. A Petition for a one month extension of time (through January 24, 22002) accompanies this Amendment.

Kindly amend the above-identified United States Patent Application, without prejudice, as follows:

In the Claims:

Please add new claims 22 through 34, as follows:

-- 22. (New) A magnetically-actuated coupler assembly for a model railroad car comprising:

a drawbar capable of being pivotally mounted within a coupler pocket in the end of a model railroad car, the drawbar including a first end having a leaf spring formed as an integral part thereof which extends from the first end of the drawbar, a coupler head formed on a second end of the drawbar, and a cantilever spring formed as an integral part of the drawbar extending from the drawbar adjacent to the coupler head;

a pivotable coupler knuckle secured to the coupler head; and

a magnetically-actuated post which pivotally secures the coupler knuckle to the coupler head, the magnetically-actuated post being pivotally connected to and extending downwardly from the coupler head, the coupler knuckle being in constant contact with the